



Serial No. 09/475721

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1772

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Reimink, et al. Examiner: Sow Fun Hon  
Serial No.: 09/475721 Group Art Unit: 1772  
Filed: December 30, 1999 Docket No.: 01610.0001-US-01  
Title: MEDICAL DEVICES WITH POLYMER/INORGANIC SUBSTRATE  
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**SECOND COMMUNICATION REGARDING UNINITIALED REFERENCE ON  
FORM 1449**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Further to our previous communication submitted on April 25, 2003, Applicants have not received the Examiner's notification that the Shu, et al. reference (U.S. Patent Number 6,139,575) has been considered. Applicants request that the Form 1449 be initialed in the space provided to indicate that this document has been acknowledged. The details follow.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on May 9, 2000. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on July 12, 2001. Applicants received initialed Form 1449s indicating the Examiner's acknowledgment of these references with the September 13, 2001 Official Action. However, another Supplemental

IDS and Form 1449 citing one reference thereon, filed on January 8, 2002 has not been acknowledged.

Applicants are submitting a courtesy copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 8, 2002 with a copy of the return postcard showing a Patent and Trademark date stamp of January 28, 2002, indicating these documents were received. Since a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,139,575 was forwarded with the previous communication dated April 25, 2003, it is not enclosed at this time. However, if the Examiner deems it necessary, a copy of the Shu, et al. reference will be resubmitted.

Applicants' attorney of record states that the above-referenced copies are true copies of the originally mailed correspondence.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner promptly return a copy of the initialed Form 1449 to the Applicants' representative with the next Office communication.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' attorney of record, Hallie A. Finucane at (952) 253-4134.

Respectfully submitted,

Altera Law Group, LLC  
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Date: November 26, 2003

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- ☒ Petition for One-Month Extension of Time and check in the amount of \$110.00 for same
- ☒ Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
- ☒ Second Communication Regarding Uninitialed Reference On Form 1449 with enclosures
- ☒ Notice of Appeal From The Examiner To The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Under 37 C.F.R. §1.191
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$330.00 for Notice of Appeal filing fee
- ☒ Transmittal Sheet
- ☒ Return postcard

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fees
Total Claims	21	30	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	3	0	X \$86.00	\$ 0.00
Multiply Dependent Claims					\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEES					\$ 0.00

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

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